

Election/Restrictions

Claims 1-4 and 29-34 are allowed. To clarify the record, it is noted that previously withdrawn claims 2, 3, 30, and 31, (previously withdrawn from consideration as a result of a species election requirement), were rejoined and examined for patentability in the Office Action dated 5/01/08.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

This examiner's amendment was discussed with applicants' representative Harris Pitlick and authorized in a telephone call on Jul. 7, 2011.

The claims are amended as follows:

Amend claims 30 and 31, by deleting the extra space in “formula (I)” in line two of each claim as follows:

formula (I)formula (I)

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

2. See Board decision.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should

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preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled

“Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin S. Orwig whose telephone number is (571)270-5869. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7AM-4PM (with alternate Fridays off). If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sharmila Landau can be reached on (571)272-0614. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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